

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 12, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated July 2, 2004, have been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 7, 9, 11 and 14-16 are amended to place those claims in clear condition for allowance. Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claims 19 and 20 have been allowed. Claims 7, 9, 11 and 14-16 are submitted for consideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 19 and 20.

The Office Action indicated that claims 7, 9, 11 and 14-16 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if amended to be in independent form.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1 and 6. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claim 7 be allowed.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1 and 8. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claim 9 be allowed.

Independent claim 11 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1 and 10. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claim 11 be allowed.

Independent claim 14, upon which claim 15 is dependent, has been amended to include the elements of claims 1, 12 and 13. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claims 14 and 15 be allowed.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1, 12 and 13. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claim 16 be allowed.

Claims 7, 9, 11 and 14-16 now clearly recite allowable subject. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 7, 9, 11 and 14-16 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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